



The Story That Never Grows Old is re-enacted annually at St. Philomena with live actors and a lively congregation.

O Holy Night

Joanie and Mike Bowling and their daughter, Jessica, portrayed the Holy Family during the Christmas program of the St. Philomena Parish CCD classes. Other children in the play were Cindy, Dan, Brian and Mark Yeager, Stacey and Greg Sandfoss, Rose, Joe, and Mary Seibert, Kristin Crider, Sarah and Libby Kuntz, and Josh Wahle. St. Philomena Church, in Stonelick Township, will celebrate its sesquicentennial in 1989. It was the first Roman Catholic church in Clermont County, founded in 1839.



St. Philomena participants in the first annual Catholic Choir Festival.

Chapter X Into the Future

There is a uniqueness at St. Philomena which defies description. There is a strong, real and vibrant sense of Christian community, often hard to find in the metropolitan "megaparish." One example may be found in the affectionate nicknames parishioners bestow on one another. St. Philomena, like many parishes, has had its Bud (Wilmes and Craver), and its Butch (Allen). But what about Feeny (Hudepohl), Boon (Seibert), Flick (Seibert), Desty (Churchvillage), Tannie (Wolke), Tay (Varn-er), Ab and Nook (Seibert), Dirty-Legs (Carlier), Skimp (Reikel), Shoomey (Lehnert), Skeet (Wagner), Pud (Crider), and Socko (Craver)? These are just a few.

The parish has survived flood, fire, storm and raid, suspicion and hostility. Its fiercely independent members have given deeply and freely of money, labor and self, always doing whatever had to be done to sustain their beloved Church in the Valley.

In an age of secularism and moral decay, the Faith is alive and well....and living in Stonelick Township.